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1. SUMMARY:

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--COVERAGE OF THE U.S. CONTAINS PLUSSES AND

MINUSES. SECRETARY'S TRIP IS ANNOUNCED WITHOUT COMMENT;
--THREE EDITORIALS STRESS SOVIET AND OTHER
"SOCIALIST" SUPPORT FOR CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND
DETENTE, AND CRITICIZE WESTERN BACKWARDNESS (SEPTTEL);
--IN ANGOLA COVERAGE, U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICA
REMAIN FAVORITE TARGETS, BUT SOME CRITICISM IS DIRECTED
AT AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO OSTENSIBLY YIELDED TO WESTERN
PRESSURE AT OAU SUMMIT (SEPTTEL);
--STORES ON UNSC MIDDLE EAST DEBATE FOCUS ON ARAB
COUNTRIES' PRESENTATIONS;
--GRECHKO MEETS WITH GIAP;
--GIEREK AND YAROSHEVICH RECEIVE BAYBAKOV;
--USSR AND COMORO ISLANDS ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS.

2. UNITED STATES. COVERAGE OF THE UNITED STATES IS MIXED.
THREE COMMENTARIES IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA UPBRAIDE THE
U.S. FOR CSCE BACKLASH WHILE TOUTING SOVIET EXCELLENCE
ON IMPLEMENTATION (SEPTTEL). CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES
A TASS REPORT FROM PARIS THAT A LIST OF 12 "CIA AGENTS"
OPERATING IN EMBASSY PARIS WAS PRINTED IN "LIBERATION."
AS A COUNTERPART, PRAVDA CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM A TASS
INTERVIEW WITH JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH WHICH
LAUDS THE RESULTS OF THE USSR'S PLANNED ECONOMY.
PRAVDA CARRIES WITHOUT COMMENT A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT OF
THE SECRETARY'S JANUARY 20-23 VISIT TO MOSCOW.

3. MIDDLE EAST. CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS THE PRESENTATIONS
BY SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES AT THE USSC DEBATE. HIGHLIGHTED
ARE SYRIA'S CALL FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORY
OCCUPIED IN 1967, AND EGYPT'S SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET INITIATIVE
ON A RECONVENED GENEVA MEPC. THE COVERAGE REITERATES
THE STORY OF THE DISCOVERY OF BOMBS AT THE UN, AND
CLAIMS THERE WERE PLANTED BY "FASCIST ZIONIST CIRCLES"
IN THE U.S. COMMENT. SOVIET PRESS
COVERAGE OF THE UNSC DEBATE HAS BEEN RELATIVELY SKIMPY.
END COMMENT.

4. NORTH VIETNAM. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTS (WITH PICTURE)
THAT MARSHAL GRECHKO RECEIVED DRV MIN DEF GIAP. DISCUSSIONS
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REPORTEDLY COVERED "THE STRENGTHENING OF BORTHERLY
COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE PEOPLES AND MILITARY FORCES OF
THE TWO COUNTRIES.

5. POLAND. PRAVDA REPORTS THAT GIEREK AND YAROSHEVICH
RECEIVED SOVIET DEP PRIME MINISTER BAYBAKOV, WHO IS IN
POLAND ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT. DISCUSSIONS REPORTEDLY
CEHTERED ON BILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS.

6. COMORO ISLANDS. CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE COMORO ISLANDS AGREED JAN 6 TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE LEVEL OF AMBASSADORS. THERE IS NO HINT AS TO WHY AGREEMENT IS ANNOUNCED NINE DAYS AFTER SIGNATURE.
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